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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Sikeston will have a public swimming pool, 40 by 100 feet, and ready for use by September 1st.

An Indiana man recently purchased 2,640 acres of land in Mississippi county, the consideration being about \$100,000.

The citizens of Dearborn are boosting for electric lights, and as soon as these are secured they are to get in line for waterworks.

The Bell Telephone Co., at Poplar Bluff, is to spend \$85,000 in remodeling their exchange system. Work to be commenced at an early date.

This state auditor at Jefferson City set apart \$1,954,134.95 as the public school fund for the present year. This is an increase of \$6,465.84 over last year.

A Boonville professional man has solved the morning problem of sleep and sanitation by getting up about 5 o'clock and then taking a nap in the bath tub.

The Board of Directors of the Kennett School District have announced its intention to see that the Compulsory Educational Law is enforced in that school district.

George D. Jones of Laclede county, 70 years old, recently took a ride on a train for his first time and, on the same day, saw and rode upon a street car for the first time.

A woman smoking a cigar was one of the sights at Lamar the other day, where the unusual performance threatened to stop traffic along the west side of the public square.

Three gallons of flies a day is the catch reported from the Home Economics Club and the city pooled funds and bought two dozen big screen wire traps. Each trap has been averaging a pint of flies a day since installation.

During the summer session this year the Springfield Normal led with 1,650 students; Warrensburg came next with 1,410; Missouri University had 1,314; Kirksville, 1,300; Cape Girardeau, 1,000; and Maryville, 650.

Having deposited \$2.50 in a Liberty bank, Eddie Rhine began writing checks on his bank account and had issued \$800 worth of personal paper in his home town and Kansas City before the sheriff put a stop to his high finance.

It is told of a backward child that its vocabulary comprises only four words. The first word the child mastered was "cat." It now can pronounce distinctly "dog," "horse" and the name of widely known motor car.

John Harleycorn is blamed for most of the crimes in this world, but he can prove an alibi in the case of a St. Louis servant girl who stole \$80 and gave as an excuse that she had bad teeth and wanted to get them fixed up.

Elder John Giddens, a Christian minister, whose wife died in Bedalia a year ago, found in the Book that it is not good for a man to live alone, so he wedded a woman who owns a farm near Dresden, and he will live on the farm. The Elder is eighty years old and his bride is sixty-two.

A man named Allie Clemment fell while at work on a building at Westboro and was killed. The Westboro Enterprise says he fell less than six feet. He fell on his head and shoulders and broke his neck.

Blackleg among cattle in Cape Girardeau is causing many deaths and the disease seems to be spreading rapidly in spite of the fight against it. The county farm agent is vaccinating cattle by the hundreds.

Artesian water underlies all of Harrison county, according to a report published in the Bethany Republican. An exhaustive survey has been made by J. Q. Brown, who says flowing wells can be had at any point in the county less than 800 feet above sea level.

How many crackers a parrot can eat during a bargain sale was solved recently at Jefferson City, where a department store gave away a bird that devoured 169 crackers in the given time. The bird is female and has only one bad habit, that of yelling "Hello" at the traveling men.

The great Burke and Hobbs revival meeting is still in progress at Kennett. Rev. Steve Burke is doing the preaching, being ably assisted by Rev. A. B. Hobbs and Harry Loss are directing the singing. The attendance is large and much interest is in evidence.

Miss Margaret Tinsley of Caruthersville, Mo., was nominated in the August primary for county clerk of Pemisoot county. Miss Tinsley had three opponents and defeated them by a large majority. The Democratic press of that county believes that her nomination will add strength to the ticket in November election.

Declaring that he has good reason to believe that his livery barn, which was burned July 27, was set on fire, Walter Peak of Lexington offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the actual incendiary or the person who hired the deed done. Three times in the last two years Mr. Peak's livery barn has burned.

There is a 220 acre rice farm in Stoddard county near Dudley. The product at present is in its boot stage and in ten days more will be headed out, after which the water will be drained off when it will be harvested a few days later. A deep twelve inch well with a kerosene engine, pumping continuously a twelve inch stream of water is used to irrigate the rice field.

Ernest Lettin of Maryville was arrested at the Merchants Hotel in Omaha, Tuesday, after he and Sadie Olney, also of Maryville, had registered as man and wife under an assumed name. Lettin is twenty one and the girl fifteen. According to the girl's father, George Olney, who arrived in city the next day with a deputy sheriff from Maryville, Lettin had worked for him on his farm for the past two years. Saturday he borrowed \$100 from him and left with the girl.



(New York World)

Carrollton, according to the Republican-Record, has a citizen who has the cost of living figured down to a science. His landlord had been unable to collect any rent since he had become a tenant, so decided to deed the little property to the nonpayer. The tenant however, was two much of an financier and declined to accept the deed, explaining that he did not wish to be worried about taxes.

Harry Hall, marriage license clerk in Kansas City, is a sort of a Solomon. The other day a callow youth of seventeen, with a half consumed cigarette hanging from his droopy lips, applied for a marriage license. "Nothing doing," was Hall's decision as he sized up the ne'er do well, "may be you're big enough to smoke cigarettes, but you haven't sense enough to get married on a license from this office."

"It's a mouse!" screamed a Cape Girardeau matron when a noise from within the kitchen range alarmed her baby playing on the floor. Hastily telephoning her husband for aid, the woman mounted a chair to await coming. Investigation proved that it wasn't a mouse at all, but that a woodpecker evidently had flown down the chimney and found its way into the stove.

Announcing her intention of giving away all her estate before her death to keep her heirs from quarreling over it, Mrs. Hannah Duryea, a widow eighty years, has deeded \$70,000 worth of real estate to St. Louis University. In the last ten years she has given away 95 acres of a 100 acre estate near St. Louis, worth over \$1,000 an acre, living in two rooms of her five-room home on the remaining five acres, and renting out the other three rooms.

His Consolation.
"There's one consolation about being in jail, mum." "What is it, my poor man?" "After I once go to bed nobody here makes me get up and go down to be sure that the back door is locked."—Detroit Free Press.

DOES MOVIE ACT; SUES CITY

Rochester Man Goes Through Some Rough Work With Auto on Road.

Rochester, N. Y.—Arthur E. Brown did about everything expected of a slapstick motion picture comedian out the Scottsville road the other night, according to his adventures as told in a claim for \$110 filed against the city.

Mr. Brown was operating an automobile through an unlighted detour, when a rear wheel went into mud considerably over the rim and refused to budge. Brown went around to the recalcitrant wheel and tried to pull the car free. Instead, according to the complaint, this happened:

"I sank deep into the soft earth or ashes and fell into a hole filled with iron, tin cans, sticks and other sorts of rubbish, sustaining a deep cut or gash on my right hand, bruises on my left side directly under my left arm, a severe jarring, causing me to become sick, sore, lame and disabled, and I am still sick, sore, lame and disabled, and my suit of clothes worn at this time became soaked with filthy water and mud and is ruined, and my eyeglasses were jarred from my nose and were broken. A sharp iron projecting about two feet broke the right eyeglass and tore the right corner of my eye."

PLANS OWL CAR FOR LOVERS

Traction Magnate in Ohio Will Make New Arrangements for Young Couples.

Cleveland.—That all the world still loves a lover is to be demonstrated by Joseph Jordan of Willoughby, vice president and general manager of the Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern railroad.

"And I'm going to see that every one of them gets a square deal if my influence counts for anything," he said.

Mr. Jordan learned that young men who go to see their "best girls" in Lake county and take the last car back to Cleveland at night must wait three-quarters of an hour for a city car at the East Cleveland "Y" after midnight before they can continue their journey.

"I shall take the matter up with John Stanley of the Cleveland Railroad company and arrange with him to have a city car wait for the last interurban car," Mr. Jordan said.

Had Outlook for the Angels.
"I'm looking for the angels," said a man who had been in the hospital for some time. "I'm looking for the angels who are going to take me home."—Chicago Tribune.

THROWING HAND GRENADES

Baseball Training Helps the Work of Americans in the Foreign Legion.

Paris.—Throwing hand grenades has become an important factor in modern trench warfare, and all troops are trained in the practice. Companies are drawn up face to face at a distance apart which makes it unlikely that anyone will be hit by the dummy grenades, and the command is given to let drive as rapidly as possible.

Americans in the Foreign Legion, thanks to their baseball practice, have distinguished themselves in this line, and practice companies have to be placed farther apart when they include any Americans.

L'Auto organized a championship in Paris for the young men who have not yet been called up. An Armenian Frenchman won with a throw of 40 meters (132 feet 3 inches).

The record at the front was reported to be 54 meters (177 feet 1 1/2 inches), but a letter from the front says that at a competition organized by officers, who did the measuring, a zouave named Legrand threw 61 meters 75 (202 feet 5 inches).

CHICKENS NOW \$4 APIECE

Food in Brussels Now at Extravagant Prices—Butter, Dollar a Pound.

London.—The Times Berne correspondent quotes an American from Brussels as saying that the condition of that city is outwardly little changed; that the chief privation is the absence of news.

Food commands extravagant prices, bread being 13 cents and meat of all kinds a dollar a pound. Chickens are from \$2 to \$4 apiece. Butter is a dollar a pound. There is much distress and even starvation in the surrounding country.

TAN NOW SUCCEEDS ROUGE

English Society Women Consider It a Badge of War Time Service.

London.—In these days when women are taking up the work of men gone to the front pink and white are no longer considered desirable in a woman's complexion and tan has become the fashionable shade.

"You've either got to wear a Red Cross uniform or a content worker's brassard or a munitions badge, or a tanned face," remarked a pretty girl. "If you come back to town with cheeks that are as brown as the earth, people immediately believe you've been helping to make hay or picking fruit. You don't need to bother about your complexion. People don't expect you to have one if you've been helping farmers. And think what it saves at the chemist's!"

ENDS HIKE OF 10,000

Young Prohibition Lecturer Expedition in Chase of Bandits.

St. Paul, Minn.—One of the big figures at the recent Prohibition convention here was Laurence Gahan, twenty-two years of age, who had been a "hiker" for miles. The young hiker riding along a road 32 miles from Columbus, N. M., when he was held on that town by his bandits. He joined a sheriff and a detachment of the state



scouting for Villa. He needs the punitive force far into the can desert and later return them. "A type of bush gro the desert in Mexico," he says, "bikes a horse and rider, and times we were deluded into we had sighted the bandit chief the sheriff shot at a bush v thought was a Villa bandit." I wore out six pairs of shoes walking trip.

RED TAPE FORMS BIG

London Evening Standard P Interesting War Time Story.

London.—The leisurely man which red tape is unwound times is illustrated by an incident described in the Evening Standard. "In January last," the newspaper says, "a certain neutral government bought a small machine. It was a very small quantity of a metal, the export of which, without a permit could be obtained."

"The minister representing the country concerned applied for a permit application went first to the office. From the foreign office sent upon its travels round the ultimately reaching the person could give the permit on June 1. The permit started on its journey on June 22. When it arrived at the office of the minister made the application no one. Well informed opinion favors man, with due reservation for 'able delays.' But nothing can it getting there now—even if wanted."

IRISH EVEN TO MI

Dislike of British Orders by Bernian Shown in Daytime Service.

London.—An instance of the hesitation with which the eligible Irishman obeys any of the disliked Saxon is given in the Daily Chronicle. Soon after the daylight saw under which the clocks of the Kingdom were put forward a went into effect an Englishman in Tipperary found her man a gloomy mood. She asked whether he had put his clock

The gardener evaded the question, evidently preferring to talk about roses. The mistress protested, all pressed the question and man face her. "Yes, my lady," said the gardener. "I did. I put it on 1 hour."

Summer Clouds.
Some of the highest clouds on a summer's day are made of flakes and tiny floating crystals.